

February 12, 2007

Chairman Kevin Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Room #8B-201  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Free Wireless Broadband Internet

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing to you from the League for Innovation in the Community College. The League for Innovation and its over 850 member institutions are committed to improving community colleges through innovation, experimentation, and institutional transformation. I would like to offer support for M2Z Networks' application to provide nationwide broadband Internet access.

The growing importance of the Internet has placed a spotlight on the digital divide that has left too many Americans without adequate access to the Internet. Internet access is no longer a luxury item, but a resource used by many. Although computer ownership and Internet access rates are increasing for all groups, there are still communities that do not have adequate access to the Internet and technology-based training, resources, and services. This divide has limited opportunities to learn, succeed economically, and participate in society. It is critical that the FCC work to promote universal Internet access for all Americans and we believe M2Z's fast, free, family-friendly service will work toward this goal by leveling the playing field of the information economy.

Nothing is more crucial to innovation and education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century than broadband access to the Internet. Unfortunately, the United States has fallen behind in our rate of broadband penetration, ranking 21<sup>st</sup> in the world. For our students to learn and compete in the global economy, they must have access to the best information technology. It is imperative for our students to be connected as they move from class to class and from the classroom to the home. Many of our students work during the day and take classes at night, making remote electronic access to their coursework and class material a necessity. Nationwide wireless broadband access will bridge this gap and ensure that learning is not constrained by a cord or the availability of a local hotspot.

Broadband access is particularly important for students and colleges in rural areas. The Internet has the potential to revolutionize the way our students learn and work. However, the lack of consistent, high speed access across the country prevents students from taking full advantage of this remarkable resource. We believe that ubiquitous broadband access will open the door to learning and innovation for all Americans.

I encourage you to approve M2Z's application to provide nationwide wireless broadband access. By expanding broadband Internet access to all Americans, M2Z's proposal will help ensure today's community college students harness the power of the Internet as they become the workforce of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerardo E. de los Santos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gerardo" being the most prominent.

Gerardo E. de los Santos  
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cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
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